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SCORE OF FIREMEN BELIEVED KILLED WHEN FORTY ARE HURLED IN BLAZING WAREHOUSE RUINS HERE

RECOVER ONE BODY CAUGHT UNDER WALLS

North American Street Blaze Believed to Be One of Biggest in City's History.

BUILDING GUTTED, THEN WALLS COLLAPSE

Some Spectators May Have Been Caught Under Debris. Victims Not Identified

ONE MAN IS RESCUED

Monetary Loss Is \$100,000. Crowds Gather — Police Pressed for Service

One fireman is known to have been killed and a score of others are believed to have lost their lives when forty were hurled into the blazing ruins of Pot-tash Brothers' burlap warehouse, 611-13 North American street, this afternoon. The front walls collapsed after the building had been gutted by flames. A few moments later half a dozen more firemen went down into the flaming mass of debris when the rear wall fell.

The actual number of dead and injured has not been ascertained. It is feared several spectators also lost their lives.

The blaze is considered one of the worst fires in Philadelphia in years. The dead fireman was: Lieutenant Thomas Kelly, Engine Company No. 21.

Injured are: Buster Le Grand, Truck Company No. 2. John Monck, 1231 North Darlen street, Engine Company No. 13. Ben Prarie, Engine Company No. 7. Parker Crawford, Engine Company No. 6. Leo Prodell, forty-one, 2442 N. Warwick, Engine Company No. 8, shock, lacerations and smoke. James McElroy, thirty-eight, 4928 Parrish street, unconscious. Charles L. Devanney, twenty-four, 4748 Thomas street, Engine Company 21, lacerations, badly burned, shock.

Firemen on Roof
At the moment the walls collapsed firemen were crowded on the roof on four ladders placed up against the building. A ladder truck was directly in front of the building on North American street.

The property loss is estimated at \$250,000.

The origin of the fire is so far unexplained. The building was an old five-story structure and was used by Pot-tash Brothers as a warehouse. The firm manufactures burlap bags, and the building was stored full of them.

The fire originated on the top floor and swiftly worked downward. A few minutes after it was discovered the third alarm was turned in, and a fourth followed as the walls collapsed.

Hundreds of firemen and policemen, as well as workmen at nearby plants, dashed into the debris in an effort to get the firemen out of the ruins. They worked with picks and shovels and their bare hands, frantically tearing away the huge joists and piles of brick under which they knew the firemen were buried.

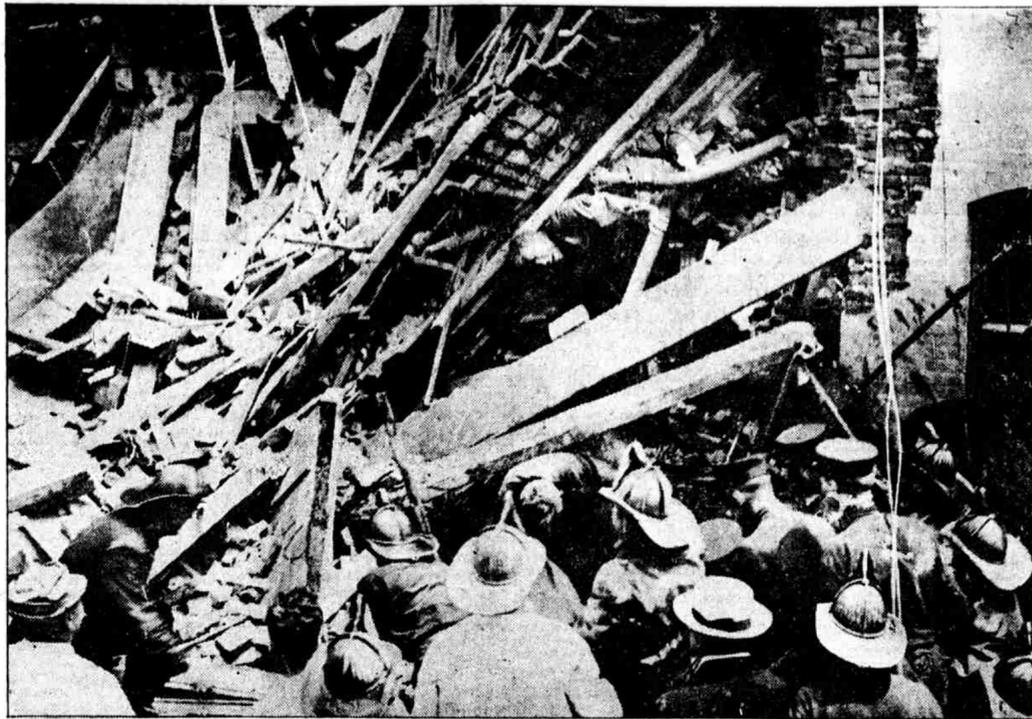
North American street is a narrow thoroughfare, and the fire gained such quick headway that the police who arrived early had difficulty in handling the crowds. The fire-fighting apparatus pushed as close to the burning warehouse as possible.

Lines of hose were run to every fire hydrant for squares round, and the ladder-men put their long ladders up to the front of the burning building, hoping to head the fire off as it ate its way down through the floors.

Men had taken lines of hose to the roof, and had climbed up the ladders in front and were playing water through the windows, when without warning the walls fell.

It is not known how many men were on the building and the ladders at the moment of the collapse. There were four ladders, and it is estimated that

FIREMEN CAUGHT IN WRECKAGE OF COLLAPSED BUILDING



CLUBMAN VICTIM OF ANTI-SPOONERS

Edward Browning Says He Was Made to Pay \$107 Fine to Haverford Squire

OTHERS MAKE PROTESTS

Edward Browning, prominent society and clubman and son of Mrs. George G. Browning, of Devon, Pa., has joined in the war against the anti-spooning authorities of Haverford township.

Mr. Browning and a girl friend were among the victims who have faced Squire John R. Thomas following their arrest in Haverford by a constable who "could not say" whether he had seen them act disorderly.

Mr. Browning and the girl were both fined \$50 and costs by the squire, he said today.

"I gave them my check for \$107," he said, "and they accepted it without question."

"I am hopping mad about this thing. I returned home recently after serving two years abroad as a buck private, and a few evenings later I drove a girl friend over into Haverford. We went off the main road. I suppose we were being followed at that time."

"I stopped the machine on a small road and I suppose we stood there for half an hour. Perhaps the constable in his machine was right behind us at that time. I don't know."

Detained After Midnight
"About 10:30 o'clock I started the machine and we were going home. Then this constable came up, flashed his light at us and told us we were under arrest for acting disorderly."

"We were forced to accompany him to the station house and there we were both held until 12:30 o'clock. They wouldn't even permit me to phone to the home of my friend to tell them why we were out so late. Then this man John R. Thomas came in and we had what they called a hearing."

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ARRESTED AFTER 32 YEARS

Murder Warrant Sworn Out by Son of Alleged Victim
Charleston, W. Va., July 12.—John Shorn, of this city, was under arrest today, charged with the murder of Evan Withrow, in a saloon at Poca, Putnam county, in 1887.

Shorn was arrested last night on a warrant sworn out by the son of the dead man, who recognized him after thirty-two years.

We Must Save Europe
If we do not save her, America herself must suffer; and America is Europe's last hope.

We must get ready for the big task, says

Frank A. Vanderlip
That the older countries of the world are on the verge of an industrial and financial breakdown is the firm opinion of this New York business man of international reputation.

The first of a series of articles by him on the subject will begin next Monday in the

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MYSTERY MAN IS SOUGHT TO SOLVE NURSE POISONING

Woman Found Unconscious in Broad Street Station Says Friend Gave Her Drink for Illness

Mystery surrounds the case of Miss Mabel Smith, a trained nurse, of 2040 Chestnut street, who collapsed in Broad Street station after stating that a drink given her by a friend affected her. At the Hahnemann Hospital, where she was taken, her case was diagnosed today as one of ptomaine poisoning.

The nurse, who is twenty-six years old, was sent to the hospital by the police. At the institution her ailment was first said to have resulted from "poison from unknown origin." It is reported that a telephone message to the hospital authorities from a prominent Philadelphia caused them to place Miss Smith in a private room.

Miss Smith collapsed in the railroad station at 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning. A short time later, a man called at the Chestnut street address and asked that any inquiries as to her whereabouts be answered by the statement that she was out of town for a few days. Efforts are being made to identify and locate this man.

Mrs. V. Zeistle, with whom Miss Smith lived, stated today that the nurse was a niece of a physician at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital who is in France at the present time.

Again today Mrs. Zeistle received a telephone message from a man who inquired about the condition of Miss Smith. He explained that he had been with Miss Smith on Thursday night and that they had both eaten some lobster. It made both of them ill, he said. This story contradicts the one told the railroad patrolman by Miss Smith before she collapsed.

Miss Smith is reported to be in a serious but not critical condition. She is said to be a graduate of the Orthopedic Hospital, of this city.

The police who pronounced the case one of alcoholism when the girl was found stick to that diagnosis.

MOSTLY FAIR NEXT WEEK

Thunderstorms, However, Predicted and Normal Temperature
Washington, July 12.—(By A. P.)—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are:

North, middle and south Atlantic states, east and west Gulf states, Ohio Valley and Tennessee, region of Great Lakes, upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys, Rocky Mountain and plateau regions, mostly fair, but with occasional local showers and thunderstorms and normal temperatures.

Pacific states: Normal temperature, generally fair except occasional showers are probable the latter half of the week in Washington and Oregon.

SUED FOR CAR ACCIDENTS

"Real Owner" of Trolley Company Asked to Pay \$700,000
Pittsburgh, July 12.—(By A. P.)—Charging that the Philadelphia Company is the real owner of the Pittsburgh Railway Company, now in the hands of receivers, and is responsible for debts and damage claims for personal injuries on its lines in the city and county, fifteen persons today filed suits for damages totaling \$700,000.

It was the first time the Philadelphia Company ever was asked to pay debts and obligations of the railway company.

BREWERS DEMUR
Test Case in Pittsburgh Beer Controversy to Be Argued Next Tuesday
Pittsburgh, Pa., July 12.—(By A. P.)—Eleven officers and directors of the Pittsburgh Brewing Company entered demurrers before Judge W. H. S. Thompson in United States District Court this morning at a preliminary hearing in the government's suit against the company, charged with having sold beer containing 2 1/2 per cent alcohol in violation of the wartime prohibition law.

Next Tuesday morning was set by the court as time for hearing argument in the case, which is a test proceeding by the government to determine if beer of light alcoholic percentage may be sold under the dry act.

Wants New's Sanity Tested
Los Angeles, July 12.—(By A. P.)—Efforts will be made to bring Harry S. New, who admits he shot and killed his fiancée, Miss Freida Lesser, in Topanga Canyon last Friday night, before the state lunacy commission at once on an insanity complaint, according to his attorney.

MAIN LINE HOMES ROBBED; 5 ARRESTS

Liquor, Silver, Jewelry, Furs and Clothing Taken From Unoccupied Houses

MUCH LOOT IS RECOVERED

Five men have been arrested charged with looting a score of fashionable Main Line homes during the past month, it became known today.

Liquor of all kinds, furs, silverware, jewelry and clothing valued at approximately \$10,000 have been taken from houses vacated for the summer by their owners.

An investigation for five days by the Ardmore police station has resulted in much of the loot being recovered.

The men arrested gave their names as Jay Nichols, Bainbridge street near Eleventh; John Cole, Bainbridge street near Twelfth; Collins Brown, Fitzwater street near Fifteenth; John Henry Scott, Catharine street near Twelfth, and "Doc" Corner, Fifteenth street above Fitzwater.

Suspects in Ardmore Jail

These men have been lodged in the Ardmore jail to await a hearing before Magistrate Lewis.

The homes owned by the following are known to have been robbed: William W. Grison, Cheswood lane, Haverford. Dr. George B. Darby, Merion. James E. Emmons, Merion. Lawrence Wilbur, Cheswood lane, Haverford.

Joseph F. Plumb, Woodside road, Ardmore.

Early this week Patrolman McCarty, of the Ardmore station, met Nichols and Cole at Haverford carrying two heavy suitcases. Arresting them on suspicion, he found that the suitcases contained whisky, gin, beer and men's clothing. The liquor, the police say, was taken from Mr. Wilbur's home.

Captain Donaghy, of the Ardmore police, immediately got in touch with the Philadelphia authorities, and it was through Patrolman William Green, of the prisoners' homes was learned. These homes were entered by the police where, they say, furs, jewelry and valuables of all kinds were found. Pawn tickets were also discovered, and when the articles were called for they corresponded with those missing in the Main Line homes.

Valuable Trophies Stolen

While it has not been learned the exact amount of goods stolen, due to the fact that many of the victims are among the summer, it is known that Plumb's home were many trophies that the latter obtained overseas. Mr. Plumb held the rank of captain in the army.

A canvass of all the homes in the Lower Merion township is now being made to ascertain if any other homes have been robbed.

BOY IS SHOT AT PICNIC
Germantown Lad Wounded During Contest at Targets
Gerald Collins, twenty years old, of Germantown, Philadelphia, is in the General Hospital, East Stroudsburg, in a serious condition from a bullet wound in the abdomen received yesterday along the Delaware river near Shawsboro, where the young man and friends were target shooting.

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Italy Asks to Be Granted New Tien Tsin Concession

May Seek to Acquire Former German Possession Now Held by China as Compensation for Fiume

By the Associated Press
Paris, July 12.—The Italian delegation has sent a note to the Peace Conference asking that Italy be given a concession at Tien Tsin, China, in the former German territory. (Tien Tsin is the port of Peking.)

The Italian request was placed on the program for the afternoon meeting of the Council of Five.

Washington, July 12.—(By A. P.)—Italy already has one concession at Tien Tsin, the request made to the Peace Conference for a concession there, as reported today in press dispatches from Paris, found no explanation in Washington. There was no information on the subject at the Italian embassy.

It was suggested in some quarters, however, that Italy was seeking to acquire the former German possession at Tien Tsin, which is near its own concession, so as to enlarge its facilities and as compensation for the decision of the Peace Conference not to award it Fiume.

Under the terms of the peace treaty Germany is required to cede to China all public property belonging to the German Government in the German concessions at Tien Tsin, Hankow or elsewhere in Chinese territory. The Chinese were said to have taken possession of the former German concession and to be administering it as a part of China. The Chinese legation here is without information of any intention of its government to relinquish control.

Paris, July 12.—(By A. P.)—The Supreme Council of the Allies has settled the question of the Austro-Czechoslovakian frontiers in accordance with the recommendations of the commission which investigated the frontiers question. Under the settlement the Czechoslovakians are given the benefit of the changes.

In the regions of Gannuden and Seldberg, the Austro-Hungarian frontiers question is still under consideration.

Among the matter set for consideration today by the Supreme Council were certain reports in connection with the question of trade with Bolshevik Russia.

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PHILA. MAY LOSE MEDICAL PRESTIGE

Dr. Patterson, Dean of Jefferson College, Sees Position Threatened by New York

LACK MONEY HERE, HE SAYS

"Philadelphia is in danger of losing her old prestige as a great medical center unless we wake up."

Dr. Ross V. Patterson, dean of the Jefferson Medical College, made this comment today on New York's announced plan to raise a fund of \$50,000,000 to bring the world's medical capital to New York city.

"We have the men; we have the hospitals; we have the traditions necessary to make Philadelphia the chief medical city of the country of the world."

"We lack the energy, the organization and the money, however. It is deplorable. It is a condition that could be remedied. Any city that makes an effort to bring to this country the medical authority and prestige possessed before the war by Berlin and Vienna has my good wishes for its success."

But I would like to see Philadelphia regarded for years as the great medical center of the United States and one of the foremost cities in the world in medicine, step into the place vacated by Berlin and Vienna."

New York Takes Lead
New York, with less reputation than Philadelphia from a medical point of view, has taken the lead of all American cities in the effort to develop post-war medicine. The announcement of the project to put New York in the lead of the world in medicine was made today by Dr. Royal S. Copeland, New York's health commissioner.

The project entails the establishment of a \$50,000,000 fund, and the creation of a new organization, which will be known as the New York Association for the Advancement of Medical Education and Medical Science. The association already has adopted a constitution and by-laws, and has filed application for a charter with the secretary of state's office in Albany.

The project was originated by Dr. Weldon C. Phillips, general surgeon at the Bellevue Hospital. He planned the association before the war, but it was left in abeyance until after the signing of the armistice.

The objects of the New York association are fourfold. First, to improve and amplify the methods of undergraduate

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WILSON VETOES ACT REPEALING DAYLIGHT SAVING

Agricultural Bill Fails to Receive Approval Because of Rider

SUNDRY CIVIL MEASURE ALSO RETURNED UNSIGNED

President Says It Denies Generous Treatment to Disabled War Heroes

By the Associated Press
Washington, July 12.—President Wilson today vetoed the agricultural bill because of its provision repealing the daylight saving law. The President also vetoed the sundry civil bill. He explained that he vetoed the sundry civil measures "because of certain items of the bill which seem to me likely to be of the most serious consequence."

Grounds of the Veto
In regard to the agricultural bill the President sent the following communication to the House of Representatives: "I take the liberty of returning H. R. 3157, 'an act making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920' without my signature. I do so because, of course, the grave inconvenience which may arise from the postponement of the legislation at this time, but feel obliged to withhold my signature because of the clause which provides that 'at and after 2 o'clock a. m. on Sunday, October 26, 1919, the United States, in substantial economy of cost, shall be on standard time for the United States approved March 19, 1918, be, and the same hereby is repealed.'"

"I believe that the repeal of the act referred to would be of very great inconvenience to the country, and I think that I am justified in saying that it would constitute something more than an inconvenience. It would involve a serious economic loss. The act of March 19, 1918, to 'save daylight' resulted not only from a careful study of industrial conditions by competent men familiar with the business operations of the country, but also from observation of similar legislation in other countries where legislation of this character has been for some time in operation and where it has resulted, as the act of March 19, 1918, has resulted, in the United States, in substantial economy of cost."

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"That act was intended to place the chief business activities of the country as nearly as might be within the limits of daylight throughout the year. It resulted in very great economy of fuel and in substantial economy of cost because of the very different effect of work done in the daylight and work done by artificial light."

"It, moreover, served the daily convenience of the many communities of the country in a way which gave all but universal satisfaction, and the overwhelming testimony of its value which has come to me convinces me that I should not be justified in acquiescing in its repeal."

Value of Rehabilitation
In regard to the sundry civil bill the President, in another communication to the House, said: "Under the vocational rehabilitation bill which became law June 27, 1918, the Congress has sought to fulfill the expectations of the country that their soldier, sailor and marine disabled in the recent war should be given an opportunity to secure at the expense of the government such training as he needs to overcome the handicap of his disability and to resume his place as a citizen able to earn a living upon something like equal footing with those with whom he was associated before he made his great sacrifice for the honor and defense of the country."

"The work of rehabilitation under this admirable law is now at its height, and was to have been given greater speed and certainty by the amendment to section two of the vocational rehabilitation bill which I have today signed and which places the whole responsibility for vocational training in a single agency, virtually transferring from war risk insurance bureaus to the federal board for vocational education \$6,000,000 with which to support disabled men in training at the generous figure of \$80 a month for a single man and \$100 a month for man and his wife."

Bill Cripples Beneficial Work
"It is a matter of very grave concern, therefore, that at the very moment when these disabled men are coming in constantly increasing numbers to the government to avail themselves of this general plan there should appear in the sundry civil appropriation bill, which I now return, limiting clauses which will do much more than seriously cripple and retard the beneficial work of restoring these men to useful and contented lives."

Washington, July 12.—(By A. P.)—With the economic blockade of Germany to be lifted today in accordance with the decision of the Council of Five in Paris, preparations are under way for the immediate resumption of trade between the former enemy power and the United States. No official word of the action of the council had reached the State Department early today, but was expected momentarily.

Acting Secretary of State Polk, in announcing yesterday that trade with Germany would be resumed as soon as the blockade was formally lifted, said that details would be furnished Ameri-

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